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Letter dated 29 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Coordinator of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP), I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement by the States members of the Community on the proposals for the reform of the United Nations presented by you in July 1997 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 157.

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ANNEX

Statement by the States members of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries on the United Nations reform proposals presented by the Secretary-General

The States members of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) welcomed the presentation made by the Secretary-General on 16 July 1997 of his proposals for the reform of the United Nations (see A/51/950).

As a whole, the measures and recommendations of the Secretary-General constitute an essential contribution to the renewal of the United Nations and for the effort to prepare the Organization to face the challenges of the future.

The process of United Nations reform, to which the Secretary-General is directly committed, should help the United Nations to become even more representative, legitimate and efficient in fulfilling the functions foreseen in the Charter. In particular, a renewed emphasis in the role of the United Nations in the promotion of development, as suggested by the proposals, is welcome and necessary.

The States members of CPLP affirm their willingness to consider the whole of the reform programme in a constructive and cooperative spirit. They also express their willingness to contribute, in the context of the process of informal consultations guided by the President of the General Assembly, to the establishment of a climate of genuine partnership between the Member States of the United Nations and the Secretary-General.